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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction dated June 25, 2002, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. Group I, as noted by the Examiner in the subject Official Action, Claims 1-24, 28, 29, 33 and 34, drawn to a genetically modified plant comprising at least one exogenous antisense FT-encoding nucleotide sequence; a cell or tissue derived from said plant; seed which germinate into said plant; a vector containing said sequence; a method for genetically modifying a plant cell such that a plant produced from the cell has delayed flower development, comprising inducing expression of an antisense FT nucleotide sequence in the plant, classified in Class 800, subclass 286, for example.

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Respectfully submitted,

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